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To: Chris O'Brien
Cc: Rep. Abney, Marvin L.; slater@rilegislature.gov
Subject: 7/22 House Committee on Finance - Close the ACI High Security Center

Dear House Finance Committee members,

My name is Sydney Anderson, and I am a constituent in Rhode Island. I reside at 124 Waterman St. in Providence, RI.

I am writing today to demand that you take action to close the ACI High Security Center. The budget proposal to close two modules within High Security needs to go further and close the center in its entirety.

The ACI Supermax was built to house individuals in long-term solitary confinement - a violation of the UN's Mandela Rules, in addition to a common war tactic that arose out of the Vietnam War as a torture method. How can people who are incarcerated possibly leave the ACI and not end up re-incarcerated if they are tortured and deprived of socialization and resources to help them not recidivate? Additionally, the center is the most expensive facility and costs almost \$200,000 per year per prisoner. RI could save millions of dollars per year by closing this center, and end the self-fulfilling prophecy that is created by having state-run torture centers that forces people to be incarcerated over and over again.

I hope that you will all take bold action today and close the ACI high security center.

Thank you,

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